

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 7 are pending in the application. Claims 8 - 20 have been withdrawn. Claims 1 - 7 stand rejected. Applicants have amended Claim 4 to address the informality raised by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections and request reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

Claim 1 stands rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,158,590 issued to Fujikawa and by U.S. Patent No. 2,801,002 issued to Volckening.

Fujikawa discloses a sealed bag for vacuum packing an electronic device.


Volckening discloses packaging of small articles having an inner envelope having surfaces juxtaposed with a sealing substance.

Claim 1 recites, in part, "wherein each protective bag has ... at least one opening associated with the lower portion operable to pass air".


Fujikawa and Volckening cannot anticipate Claim 1 because Fujikawa and Volckening fail to teach, disclose or suggest all elements recited by Claim 1. For instance, neither Fujikawa nor Volckening teach, disclose or suggest "at least one opening associated with the lower portion" of a protective bag. The Examiner's rejection fails to point out where the recited opening is found in the references and Applicants review has not found such a disclosure. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 1 and Claims 2-7 that depend from Claim 1.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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